

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Mary Johnston; and,

*Whereas*, Mary has been devoted to the citizens of South Dakota since joining the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) on June 26, 1972, and spent her career in Department of Transportation Internal Audits; and,

*Whereas*, Mary has been actively involved with the Midwestern states annual Consultant Audit Issues meeting since 1994, and she has been dedicated to ensure that contracts entered into by the state of South Dakota provide fair and reasonable reimbursement to consultants. Mary was involved with the first Audit Guide presented to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in 2000; and,

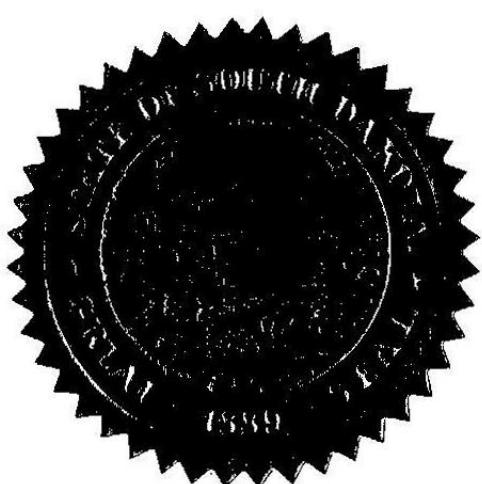
*Whereas*, After more than 39 years of service, Mary Johnston is retiring from DOT on January 6, 2012, which will afford her more valuable time with her husband, Dan, children, Mishelle, Saboin, and Michael, and five grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of an outstanding South Dakotan to honor and celebrate her on this momentous occasion:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her family, colleagues, and friends in wishing her a fulfilling and happy retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

A handwritten signature of Dennis Daugaard.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Jason M. Gant.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State